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1. THIS IS IN FURTHER REFERENCE TO MY APRIL 12 AND 13 DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING ALLIED INTEREST IN AN ACCESSION CLAUSE TO THE INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT. I NOW UNDERSTAND THE U. S. IS RELUCTANT TO RE- RAISE THE ACCESSION CLAUSE QUESTION WITH THE USSR PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT THE GDR WOULD HAVE TO BE FREE TO ACCEDE.

2. AS I SUGGESTED IN REF A, TO THE EXTENT THAT GDR ENHANCED STATUS OR IMPLIED RECOGNITION REMAINS A PROBLEM, THE DIFFICULTY CAN BE FINESSED AS IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

3. I HAD IN MIND THAT THE U. S. AND USSR, IN AGREEING TO ADD AN ACCESSION CLAUSE, COULD ALSO EACH AGREE TO ACT AS DEPOSITORY POWERS AND TO OPEN COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT TO SIGNATURE BY INTERESTED THIRD COUNTRIES. THE GDR COULD SIGN ONLY IN MOSCOW, AND WE WOULD THUS AVOID ANY QUESTION OF ENHANCING THE STATUS OF THE GDR OR WIDENING ITS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. INTERESTED NATO ALLIES COULD SIGN AT WASHINGTON
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